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SUBJECT: SYRIA CLAIMS ISRAELI FORCES KILL TWO SYRIANS ON
GOLAN

1. OCT. 15 MEDIA GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO STATEMENT BY SYRIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN CLAIMING THAT ISRAELI FORCES KILLED TWO SYRIANS ON GOLAN PREVIOUS DAY. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 OCT. 14, ISRAELI FORCES EMBARKED ON SAVAGE AGGRESSION BY OPENING FIRE ON TWO SYRIAN CITIZENS, MAN AND A WOMAN FROM VILLAGE OF JIBATA AL-KHASHAB, NORTH OF KUNEITRA, WHILE WORKING IN THEIR LANDS IN THE BUFFER ZONE AND KILLED THEM."

2. AL-THAWRAH COMMENTED THAT THIS INCIDENT CAME IN AFTERMATH OF CAMPAIGN OF DISINFORMATION AGAINST SYRIA "AS RESULT OF
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ITS REJECTION OF SINAI AGREEMENT. ENEMY LEADERS ARE TRYING TO

CONCEAL THEIR AGGRESSIVE PREPARATIONS BY ACCUSING SYRIA OF TAKING HARD LINE, OF EXTREMISM, AND OF WORKING FOR MILITARY SOLUTION." AL-THAWRAH NOTED ISRAELI STATEMENT THAT IDF HAVE BEEN ALERTED ON GOLAN AND CONCLUDED THAT ISRAEL, HAVING IMMOBILIZED EGYPTIAN FRONT, NOW CONCENTRATING ON SYRIAN-LEBANESE FRONT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INCIDENT ON GOLAN INVOLVING FATALITIES FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD. IT OCCURRED AGAINST BACKGROUND IN SEPTEMBER OF TWO INCIDENTS IN WHICH ISRAELIS FIRED AT SHEPHERDS WHOM SYRIANS CLAIM WERE IN BUFFER ZONE.
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